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Docket No.: 0229-0796P

MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation divisional continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 09/888,568 filed on June 26, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference,
by

Masatoshi TANAKA

for

METHOD OF MAKING PNEUMATIC TIRE WITH TREAD BELT

1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).

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2. The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

	BASIC FEE		LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	\$770.00	\$385.00
			RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	6-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4-3 =	2	x 86 = \$86.00	x 43 = \$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00	+ \$145.00
	TOTAL		\$856.00	\$0.00

3. A check in the amount of \$856.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Enclosed is/are eight (8) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/888,568 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. The prior application is assigned to Sumitomo Rubber Industries, Ltd.
8. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. Priority of Application No(s). 2000-191442 filed in Japan on June 26, 2000 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- 9b. Priority of International Appln. _____ filed on _____ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and _____ Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

10. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

11. Address all future communications to:

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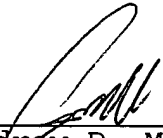
12. An extension of time for three (3) month(s) until February 20, 2004 has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/888,568 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.

13. Also enclosed herewith is the following:

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment (s)

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